

MTA-6006
2 April 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- March 1986

I. GENERAL

The Regional Security Office asked all American staffers to limit their travel to the West Bank and Gaza District to essential business and urged caution in travel to Jerusalem for 10 days following the U.S.-Libyan clashes in the Gulf of Sidra.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

On 30 March, Cruising Monitor [] began a round-the-clock survey of Moscow frequency and time changes following the introduction of summer time in the Soviet Union.

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B. Communications

On 15 March, [] took down the bureau's main communications circuit from 1400 GMT through bureau COB at 2130 GMT for the changeover to the new satellite.

C. Technical

On 24 March, Engineer [] and bureau technicians replaced the rooftop 6-element Yagi antenna used for cruising Cairo Television with an 11-element Yagi antenna equipped with a bandpass filter and a 20db preamplifier. While Cairo TV reception is still variable, the new equipment has resulted in a noticeable improvement.

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Engineer [] and technician [] successfully configured a spare Transtel Comscribe printer to serve as a printer for the bureau's second IBM PC, saving the bureau the cost of a second printer.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

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Trainee teletypist [] entered on duty on 16 March.

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Bureau Technician [] received a Certificate of Distinction and a check for \$500 in recognition of his contribution to the bureau's recent move from the embassy to the [] Building. The award was presented by the Director of FBIS during .

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Teletypist [] was promoted from FBN 4/1 to FBN 5/1 effective 7 March.

Hebrew monitor [] returned from a month of military reserves duty on 25 March.

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IV. VISITS

FBIS Director [] visited the bureau on 19 March. After a tour of the premises [] met with American and local employees and then briefed bureau personnel on recent developments in FBIS, future plans, and issues of concern to the bureau. He also met with the DCM at the embassy. On 20 March he was given a guided tour of the Bezeq earth satellite station in the Ayyala Valley, along with Bureau Chief [] Engineer [] and Technician [].

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Regional Engineer [] carried out an inspection tour of the bureau from 13 to 15 March.

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Bureau editors and monitors who were unable to accompany the group which visited Israeli monitor [] in February organized a second visit to [] apartment/office on 12 March.

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IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

On 20 and 27 March, Editor [] and Cruising Monitor [] attended the 2-day embassy orientation program for new arrivals to Israel. Bureau technician [] attended the second day of the orientation program. The first day of the program was devoted to briefings on the various components within the embassy and included a 10-minute presentation on FBIS []. The second day included a tour of Jerusalem, a briefing by an aide to the mayor of Jerusalem, and lunch at the consulate.

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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for March 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	191860
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	57430
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	635

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	6113.00 min.	840.00 min.	56.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bayrak Radio in Turkish	4490
Clandestine Bayrak Radio in English	1130
Clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian	840
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	0
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	3460

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ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	47940
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	17190
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	9390
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	1040
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	14550
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic	1540
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English	0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Jerusalem AL-MITHAQ in Arabic			360
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic			4820
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			1540
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic			0
Jerusalem Al-NAHAR in Arabic			260
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			170
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			15430
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			5600
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			350
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			7060
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			9330
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			2280
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			180
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			5970
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			1370
SOVIET UNION			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	0		
Moscow in Turkish	0		
Moscow in Dari	0		
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	29190		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		1490	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		4890	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		0	
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			0
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			0
 UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	0		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR MARCH 1986 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 191,860 (231,560)
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 57,430 (60,590)
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 8,042 (10,434)
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 13,610 on 3 March 1986
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 1,500 on 29 March 1986

2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 32,00 HOURS, 6.26 PERCENT.
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 32,45 HOURS, 6.34 PERCENT. STAT
OUTAGES: 2 March 1986 - maintenance work STAT
7 March 1986 - Problems at STAT
8 March 1986 - scheduled outage STAT
13 March 1986 - testing equipment STAT
15 March 1986 - mux failure
17 March 1986 - Local equipment problems
18 March 1986 - Local equipment malfunction
25 March 1986 - Problem with STAT

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 1,130

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.